

MINUTES

OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING OF NORTHAMPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD AT THE GUILDHALL, NORTHAMPTON, ON Monday, 23 February 2015 AT SIX THIRTY O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

PRESENT: HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR Councillor Caswell (in the Chair).

COUNCILLORS: Caswell, Ansell, Aziz, Beardsworth, Begum, Bottwood, I. Choudary, Conroy, Eales, Eldred, Ford, Glynane, Gowen, Hadland, Hallam, Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Mason, Mennell, Meredith, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Stone and Yates

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hadland declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest as a Trustee of the Delapre Abbey Trust.

2. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting on the 19th January 2015 were agreed and signed by the Mayor, subject to the inclusion of amendments that records Councillor Marriott as being present, Councillor Palethorpe as absent, and Councillor Ford 'replacing' Councillor Marriott on the Planning Committee.

3. APOLOGIES.

Apologies were received from Councillors Strachan, Duncan, Hibbert, Golby, Flavell, N Choudary, Malpas and Davies.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor announced that The Heart of the Community awards give people the chance to celebrate community spirit, recognise neighbourhood achievement and say a big thank you and noted the closing date for nominations was the 31st March 2015.

It was noted that Councillor Golby had become a father again, and best wishes were sent to his family.

The Mayor informed Council the necessity for Robustness of Budget Estimates and Adequacy of Reserves to be agreed prior to the other budget reports. Therefore, this item would be heard after Item 6 – Committee Proportionality.

The Mayor proposed a suspension of standing orders under Rule 25 which would enable the mover and seconders the opportunity to speak for a maximum of 10 minutes and that no other speech exceeds 5 minutes in relation budget reports, which was agreed.

It was also noted that in accordance with the principles of the 2014 regulations, recorded votes would be held on all matters relating to the budget.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PETITIONS

Mr Townsend addressed Council and commented that he considered there to be a lack of Policing in the Town centre during a time when there was increased crime. He further commented that the Administration had wasted money on Abington Street and asked that no more public money be wasted.

6. COMMITTEE PROPORTIONALITY

The Leader of the Council updated Members verbally on the Item and commented that he had been made aware that a Member had resigned from the Labour Group and therefore a proportionality report was needed. The Chief Executive explained that under the legislation, it was necessary for him to be formally notified, and having not received such notification the Member would remain a Councillor.

7. CORPORATE PLAN

Councillor Mackintosh submitted a report that set out the Corporate Plan 2015 Update.

Councillor Markham seconded the report.

There voted for the Corporate Plan (2015 Update): Councillors Ansell, Aziz, Begum, Bottwood, I Choudary, Eldred, Hadland, Hallam, Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant and Yates.

There voted against: Councillors Ashraf, Beardsworth, Conroy, Ford, Glynane, Gowen, Marriott, Mason, Meredith and Stone.

There abstained the Mayor.

The recommendation in the report were agreed.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Corporate Plan (2015 Update) be approved.
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council to finalise the Corporate Plan and associated action plan in line with the budget decisions, service plans and any other consequent changes.

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Councillor Bottwood submitted a report that sought the approval of the Treasury Management Strategy.

Councillor Mackintosh seconded the report.

There voted for the Council's Treasury Management Strategy: Councillors Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Begum, Bottwood, I Choudary, Eales, Eldred, Gowen, Hadland, Hallam,

Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Marriott, Mason, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Stone and Yates.

There voted against: Councillors Beardsworth, Conroy, Ford, Glynane, Mennell, Meredith.

There abstained the Mayor.

The recommendations in the report were agreed.

RESOLVED:

Council approved:

- a) That the Treasury Management Strategy for 2015-16 at Appendix A of the report be approved: incorporating:
 - (i) The Capital Financing and Borrowing Strategy for 2015-16 including:
 - The Council's policy on the making of Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) for the repayment of debt, as required by the Local Authorities (Capital Finance & Accounting) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008.
 - The Affordable Borrowing Limit for 2015-16 as required by the Local Government Act 2003.
 - (ii) The Investment Strategy for 2015-16 as required by the CLG revised Guidance on Local Government Investments issued in 2010.
- b) That authority be delegated to the Council's Chief Finance Officer, in liaison with the Cabinet member for Finance, to make any temporary changes needed to the Council's borrowing and investment strategy to enable the authority to meet its obligations.

9. GENERAL FUND, REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Councillor Bottwood submitted a report which reported the outcome of the consultation process on the 2015/16 General Fund budget and the final formula grant settlement for 2015/16 and to agree Cabinet's proposals for the 2015/16 to 2019/20 General Fund budgets, the level of Council Tax increase for 2015/16 and the indicative levels for 2016/17 – 2019/20. It was noted that there had been a revision to Appendix 7 which sought approval to incorporate the Vulcan Works redevelopment, a key part of Northampton's Cultural Quarter, into the 2015/16 – 2019/20 Capital Programme.

Councillor Mackintosh seconded the report.

Councillor Mason proposed and Councillor Marriott seconded amendments, highlighted in black, on the attached supplementary document to the minutes, at

Appendices 4, 6 and 10.

There voted for the amendments: Councillors Ashraf, Eales, Gowen, Marriott, Mason and Stone.

There voted against the amendments: Councillors Ansell, Aziz, Begum, Bottwood, I Choudary, Eldred, Ford, Hadland, Hallam, Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant and Yates.

There abstained the Mayor, Councillors Beardsworth, Conroy, Glynane, Mennell and Meredith.

The amendment was lost.

Councillor Beardsworth proposed and Councillor Glynane seconded amendments, highlighted in black, on the attached supplementary document to the minutes, at Appendices 4, 6 and 10.

There voted for the amendments: Councillor Beardsworth, Conroy, Ford, Glynane and Meredith.

There voted against the amendments: Councillors Ansell, Aziz, Begun, Bottwood, I Choudary, Eldred, Hadland, Hallam, Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant and Yates.

There abstained the Mayor, Ashraf, Eales, Gowen, Marriott, Mason, Mennell and Stone.

The amendment was lost.

Council debated the recommendations contained within the report.

There voted for the recommendations: Councillors Ansell, Aziz, Begum, Bottwood, I Choudary, Eldred, Hadland, Hallam, Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant and Yates.

There voted against the recommendations: Ashraf, Beardsworth, Conroy, Eales, Ford, Glynane, Gowen, Marriott, Mason, Mennell, Meredith and Stone.

There abstained the Mayor.

The recommendations in the report were agreed:

RESOLVED:

1. That the feedback from consultation with the public, organisations and the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, be considered and welcomed (detailed at Appendices 1 to 3 of the attached Cabinet report).
2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer to

implement all budget options and restructures.

3. That authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Lead Cabinet Member for Finance, and where appropriate the relevant Director and Lead Cabinet Member to transfer monies to/from earmarked reserves should that become necessary during the financial year.
4. That a General Fund budget for 2015/16 of £29.149m (excluding parishes), be approved (detailed in Appendices 4, 5, and 6 of the attached Cabinet report) for its own purposes.
5. That a General Fund Capital Programme for 2015-16, including future year commitments, and proposed financing be approved (as set out in Appendix 7 of the attached Cabinet report) for its own purposes.
6. The Council confirmed the aim of maintaining a minimum level of unallocated general fund balances of £4.9m for 2015/16 (as set out in Appendix 8 of the attached Cabinet report).
7. That the draft Fees and Charges set out in Appendix 9 (of the attached Cabinet report) be approved.
8. That Council does not increase the Council Tax for its own purposes, that is, excluding county, police, and parish precepts.

10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - RENT SETTING, REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETS

Councillor Bottwood submitted a report that sought the approval of the HRA 2015/16 budget and the HRA forecasts for 2016/17 to 2019/20, rent increases, services charges and other charges for 2015/16 and provided Members with an update on ongoing work on the direction of the NPH.

Councillor Mackintosh seconded the report.

There voted for the recommendations: Councillors Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Beardsworth, Begum, Bottwood, I Choudary, Conroy, Eales, Eldred, Ford, Glynane, Gowen, Hadland, Hallam, Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Marriott, Mason, Mennell, Meredith, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Stone and Yates.

There abstained the Mayor.

The recommendations in the report were agreed:

RESOLVED:

2.1 That Council approved:

- a) An average rent increase of 2.2% per dwelling, in line with the Government's national rent policy, to take effect from 6th April 2015.
- b) The HRA budget for 2015/16 of £54.6m expenditure including options

detailed in Appendix 1 and 2.

- c) The HRA capital programme for 2015/16, including future year commitments, and proposed financing as set out in Appendix 3.
 - d) The proposed service charges listed in Appendix 4.
 - e) That Cabinet be authorised, once the capital programme has been set, to approve new capital schemes and variations to existing schemes during 2015/16, subject to the funding being available and the schemes being in accordance with the objectives and priorities of the Council.
 - f) The Total Fees proposed for NPH to deliver the services in scope for 2015/16 detailed in Appendix 5.
- 2.2 That the Council acknowledged the issues and risks detailed in the Chief Finance Officer's report on the robustness of estimates and the adequacy of the reserves.
- 2.3 That the Council delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to make any technical changes necessary to the papers for the Council meeting of 23th February 2015.
- 2.4 That the Council be recommended to confirm the reserves strategy of protecting balances wherever possible to allow the option of supporting future years' budgets, aiming for a minimum level of unallocated Housing Revenue Account balances of at least £5m for 2015/16 having regard to the outcome of the financial risk assessment and remaining at this level over the medium term.
- 2.5 That Council be recommended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer to implement any retained HRA budget options and restructures.
- 2.6 That authority be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member, and where appropriate the relevant Director and Cabinet Member to:
- transfer monies to/from earmarked reserves should that become necessary during the financial year.
 - transfer monies to /from HRA working balances between the Council and NPH for cash flow purposes should that become necessary during the financial year.
 - update prudential indicators in both the Prudential Indicators report and Treasury Strategy report, for Council for any budget changes that impact on these.

11. COUNCIL TAX 2015-16

Councillor Bottwood submitted a report that set out the final precept determinations from the major precepting authorities (Northamptonshire County Council and Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner), parish councils and the budget setting decision of the Council.

Councillor Mackintosh seconded adoption of the report.

There voted for the recommendations: Councillors Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Begum, Bottwood, I Choudary, Eales, Eldred, Gowen, Hadland, Hallam, Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Marriott, Mason, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Stone and Yates.

There voted against: Ford and Meredith.

There abstained the Mayor and Councillors Beardsworth, Conroy, Glynane and Mennell.

RESOLVED:

Council Tax Resolution 2015/16

Northampton Borough Council (hereinafter referred to as "the Council" in this resolution) calculated the following amounts for the year 2015/2016 in accordance with various regulations and RESOLVES for the financial year 2015/2016 to:

- 1 Note that on 15/01/2015 the Council calculated the Council Tax Base 2015/16:
 - a) for the whole council area as: 61,927 (Item T in the formula in section 31B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended)
 - b) for the parish precept area as: 19,948 for dwellings in those parts of its area to which a parish precept relates as in the attached appendix C.

- 2 Set the Council Tax Requirement for its own purposes for 2015/16 (including parish precepts) at £13,897,041.

	£	
a) Net Expenditure on Council Services including formula grant	12,875,243	
b) Parish Council Precepts	1,021,798	
c) Total Council Tax Requirement	13,897,041	

- 3 Set the following amounts in accordance with sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:
 - a) Relevant Gross Expenditure 122,993,454 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils
 - b) Relevant Gross Income (109,096,413) being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of the Act.
 - c) Council Tax Requirement 13,897,041 The Council Tax Requirement being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31A(4) of the Act as its Council Tax requirement for the year. (Item R in the formula in Section 31B of the Act).
 - d) Basic Council Tax including Parish Precepts 224.41 being the amount at 3(c) above (Item R), all divided by Item T (1(a) above), calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 31B of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish Precepts).
 - e) Total of Special Items 1,786,812 This represents the total of Parish precepts and other special items in accordance with s34(1) of the Act (as shown at 2 above).
 - f) Basic Amount of Council Tax for dwellings in parts of the area to which no special items relate 195.56 Item (e) - (g) divided by tax base (resolution 2(a)) in accordance with s34(2) of the Act.

- 4 Note that the County Council and the Police and Crime Commissioner have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 for each category of dwellings in the Council's area as indicated in the table at Schedule C.

- 5 Note that the Council, in accordance with Sections 30 and 36 of the Act hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables at appendix 2 as the amounts of Council Tax for 2014/15 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings.

- 6 Note that the Council's basic amount of council tax for 2015 (for the Borough's own purposes and excluding special expenses) is not excessive in accordance with the principles approved under section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
	Council Tax Base	Special Expenses	Special Expenses Charge	Basic Amount of Council Tax excluding Special Expenses	Basic Amount of Council Tax including Special Expenses
		£	£	£	£
Area:					
Billing	2,507	167,841	66.96	195.56	262.52
Collingtree	507	12,140	23.95	195.56	219.51
Duston	5,358	431,469	80.53	195.56	276.09
Great Houghton	284	20,770	73.03	195.56	268.59
Hardingstone	761	23,401	30.74	195.56	226.30
Upton	2,181	27,000	12.38	195.56	207.94
Wootton & East Hunsbury	6,258	367,284	58.69	195.56	254.25
Hunsbury Meadows	489	14,220	29.07	195.56	224.63
West Hunsbury	1,602	44,755	27.93	195.56	223.49
Unparished Area	41,979	677,932	16.15	195.56	211.71
	<u>61,927</u>	<u>1,786,812</u>			

Schedule B Basic Amount of Council Tax for each Council Tax band

Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Area:								
Billing	175.01	204.18	233.35	262.52	320.86	379.20	437.53	525.04
Collingtree	146.34	170.73	195.12	219.51	268.29	317.07	365.85	439.02
Duston	184.06	214.74	245.41	276.09	337.44	398.80	460.15	552.18
Great Houghton	179.06	208.90	238.75	268.59	328.28	387.96	447.65	537.18
Hardingstone	150.87	176.01	201.16	226.30	276.59	326.88	377.17	452.60
Upton	138.63	161.73	184.84	207.94	254.15	300.36	346.57	415.88
Wootton & East Hunsbury	169.50	197.75	226.00	254.25	310.75	367.25	423.75	508.50
Hunsbury Meadows	149.75	174.71	199.67	224.63	274.55	324.47	374.38	449.26
West Hunsbury	148.99	173.83	198.66	223.49	273.15	322.82	372.48	446.98
Unparished Area	141.14	164.66	188.19	211.71	258.76	305.80	352.85	423.42

Schedule C Major Precepting Authorities Council Tax for each Council Tax band

Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Northamptonshire County Council	712.68	831.46	950.24	1,069.02	1,306.58	1,544.14	1,781.70	2,138.04
Northamptonshire Police and Crime Commissioner	133.97	156.30	178.63	200.96	245.62	290.28	334.93	401.92

Schedule D Aggregate Council Tax for each Council Tax band								
Valuation Bands	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Area:								
Billing	1,021.66	1,191.94	1,362.22	1,532.50	1,873.06	2,213.62	2,554.16	3,065.00
Collingtree	992.99	1,158.49	1,323.99	1,489.49	1,820.49	2,151.49	2,482.48	2,978.98
Duston	1,030.71	1,202.50	1,374.28	1,546.07	1,889.64	2,233.22	2,576.78	3,092.14
Great Houghton	1,025.71	1,196.66	1,367.62	1,538.57	1,880.48	2,222.38	2,564.28	3,077.14
Hardingstone	997.52	1,163.77	1,330.03	1,496.28	1,828.79	2,161.30	2,493.80	2,992.56
Upton	985.28	1,149.49	1,313.71	1,477.92	1,806.35	2,134.78	2,463.20	2,955.84
Wootton & East Hunsbury	1,016.15	1,185.51	1,354.87	1,524.23	1,862.95	2,201.67	2,540.38	3,048.46
Hunsbury Meadows	996.40	1,162.47	1,328.54	1,494.61	1,826.75	2,158.89	2,491.01	2,989.22
West Hunsbury	995.64	1,161.59	1,327.53	1,493.47	1,825.35	2,157.24	2,489.11	2,986.94
Unparished Area	987.79	1,152.42	1,317.06	1,481.69	1,810.96	2,140.22	2,469.48	2,963.38

Parish & Town Council Precepts

	2014/15			2015/16			
	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D (£)	Tax Base	Precepts £	Council Tax Band D (£)	Council Tax Increase
Billing	2,402	141,796	59.03	2,507	144,632	57.70	-2.2%
Collingtree	509	30,140	59.26	507	12,140	23.95	-59.6%
Duston	5,260	407,460	77.46	5,358	415,035	77.46	0.0%
Great Houghton	279	21,840	78.16	284	20,770	73.03	-6.6%
Hardingstone	758	38,401	50.67	761	23,401	30.74	-39.3%
Upton	2,007	23,000	11.46	2,181	27,000	12.38	8.0%
Wootton & East Hunsbury	6,215	324,825	52.27	6,258	327,100	52.27	0.0%
Hunsbury Meadows	475	13,820	29.08	489	14,220	29.07	0.0%
West Hunsbury	1,586	45,000	28.38	1,602	37,500	23.41	-17.5%

Parish & Town Council Precepts including Special Expenses

	Precepts Band D (£)	Special Expenses Band D (£)	Total (£)
Billing	57.70	9.26	66.96
Collingtree	23.95	0.00	23.95
Duston	77.46	3.07	80.53
Great Houghton	73.03	0.00	73.03
Hardingstone	30.74	0.00	30.74
Upton	12.38	0.00	12.38
Wootton & East Hunsbury	52.27	6.42	58.69
Hunsbury Meadows	29.07	0.00	29.07
West Hunsbury	23.41	4.52	27.93
Unparished	0.00	16.15	16.15

12. ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET ESTIMATES AND ADEQUACY OF RESERVES

Councillor Bottwood submitted a report that advised Council on the robustness of the estimates in the budget and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves.

Councillor Mackintosh seconded the recommendations.

There voted for the recommendations: Councillors Ansell, Ashraf, Aziz, Beardsworth, Begun, Bottwood, I Choudary, Conroy, Eales, Eldred, Ford, Gowen, Hadland, Hallam, Hill, King, Lane, Larratt, Lynch, Mackintosh, Markham, Marriott, Mason, Mennell, Nunn, Oldham, Parekh, Patel, Sargeant, Stone and Yates.

There abstained the Mayor and Councillor Glynane.

RESOLVED:

That Council carefully considered the content of the report with regards to the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account prior to approval of the Council approving the Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/20, the Revenue Budget for 2015/16, Capital Programme 2015/20, Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 2015/16, HRA Capital Programme 2015/20, Reserves levels and Treasury Management Strategy 2015/16.

13. MATTERS OF URGENCY WHICH BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THE MAYOR IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

None.

The meeting concluded at 9.46pm

General Fund Budget Summary 2015 - 2020

Description	Appendix	Budget 2015/16	Budget 2016/17	Budget 2017/18	Budget 2018/19	Budget 2019/20
		£	£	£	£	£
Service Base Budget		32,340,099	33,501,522	34,423,107	35,394,944	36,540,539
<i>Medium Term Planning Options</i>						
<u>Savings and Efficiencies</u>	2					
- Borough Secretary		(113,170)	(103,170)	(103,170)	(103,170)	(103,170)
- Customers and Communities		(1,521,180)	(1,581,180)	(1,581,180)	(1,581,180)	(1,581,180)
- Regeneration Enterprise and Planning		(523,723)	(533,251)	(447,263)	(452,756)	(458,411)
- Housing		(360,960)	(360,960)	(360,960)	(360,960)	(360,960)
Total Savings		(2,519,033)	(2,578,561)	(2,492,573)	(2,498,066)	(2,503,721)
<u>Growth</u>	3					
- Customers and Communities		44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000
- Regeneration Enterprise and Planning		600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	470,000
- Corporate		14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800
Total Growth		658,800	658,800	658,800	658,800	528,800
Total MTP Options		(1,860,233)	(1,919,761)	(1,833,773)	(1,839,266)	(1,974,921)
Gross Revenue Budget		30,479,866	31,581,761	32,589,334	33,555,678	34,565,618
<u>Corporate Budgets</u>						
Debt Financing		1,820,000	1,858,000	2,019,000	2,057,000	2,193,000
Recharges from General Fund to HRA		(6,217,621)	(6,217,621)	(6,217,621)	(6,217,621)	(6,217,621)
Parish Grants		(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)
Parish Precepts		1,021,798	1,021,798	1,021,798	1,021,798	1,021,798
Contribution to General Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0
Contribution to/(from) Earmarked Reserves		2,065,756	1,851,546	2,163,745	2,858,289	3,389,413
Total Corporate Budgets		(1,330,678)	(1,506,888)	(1,033,689)	(301,145)	365,979
Net Budget		29,149,188	30,074,873	31,555,645	33,254,533	34,931,597
<u>Funding</u>						
Revenue Support Grant		(4,963,860)	(3,531,179)	(2,412,794)	(1,390,937)	(455,651)
NNDR		(6,200,581)	(7,577,297)	(7,724,843)	(7,875,340)	(8,028,847)
Total Formula Grant		(11,164,441)	(11,108,476)	(10,137,637)	(9,266,277)	(8,484,497)
<u>Council Tax</u>						
Band D Council Tax		207.91	207.91	207.91	207.91	207.91
Tax Base		61,927	62,546	63,172	63,803	64,441
NBC Council Tax		(12,875,243)	(13,003,995)	(13,134,035)	(13,265,375)	(13,398,029)
Parish-related Council Tax		(1,021,798)	(1,021,798)	(1,021,798)	(1,021,798)	(1,021,798)
Total Council Tax		(13,897,041)	(14,025,793)	(14,155,833)	(14,287,173)	(14,419,827)
Council Tax Freeze Grant 15/16		(151,872)	0	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus		(3,835,835)	(4,744,664)	(4,596,900)	(4,835,163)	(4,943,899)
Surplus on Collection Fund		(100,000)	0	0	0	0
Total Funding		(29,149,189)	(29,878,933)	(28,890,370)	(28,388,613)	(27,848,223)
Savings to be identified		(0)	195,940	2,665,276	4,865,920	7,083,373



General Fund MTP Growth Options

MTP Reference	MTP Option Description	2015/2016 £	2016/2017 £	2017/2018 £	2018/2019 £	2019/2020 £
Customers & Communities						
B115	Victoria Street Coach Park Toilet	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
Alternative	Additional Support for Voluntary Sector	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
		44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000	44,000
Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning						
B126	EZ Budget Increase	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	0
B132	Northampton Alive	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
B142	Business Incentive Scheme	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
Alternative	Transit Lounge	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
		600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000	470,000
Cross Organisation						
B144	Living Wage	14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800
		14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800
Total Growth		658,800	658,800	658,800	658,800	528,800



Proposed General Fund Capital Programme 2015-16 to 2019-20

Project Title	2014-15 Latest £	2015-16 £	2016-17 £	2017-18 £	2018-19 £	2019-20 £	Total £
Housing - General Fund							
Disabled Facilities Grant	1,400,000	1,875,000	1,475,000	1,475,000	1,475,000	1,475,000	9,175,000
Empty Homes Programme	740,090						740,090
Self-funding							
IT Infrastructure	173,927	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	923,927
Skate Park Café Extension	35,000	55,000					90,000
Town Centre Improvements							
Greyfriars Demolition	4,250,605	1,050,000					5,300,605
Bus Interchange Works	286,000						286,000
Transit Lounge		400,000					400,000
Abington Street - Opening up to Traffic	2,889,023						2,889,023
Superfast Broadband	250,000	250,000					500,000
Visitor Signage in Town Centre	80,000						80,000
St Peters Waterside	100,000	1,000,000					1,100,000
Town Centre Wifi	62,646						62,646
Car Parks - Pay on Exit		200,000	50,000	50,000			300,000
St Johns MSCP Storage Facility	30,000	100,000					130,000
Heritage & Culture							
Delapre Abbey Restoration, incl minor projects	1,492,502	3,877,450	595,031				5,964,983
Delapre Abbey Tea Rooms	50,000	150,000					200,000
Heritage Gateway	100,000	250,000					350,000
Strategic Property Purchase from NCC (subject to Business Case)	2,175,000						2,175,000
Block Programmes - specific schemes to be agreed							
Town Centre Realm improvements	1,135,000	750,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,885,000
Capital Improvements - Regeneration Areas	250,000	250,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	900,000
Parks/Allotments/Cemeteries Enhancements	508,105	201,332	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,709,437
Operational Buildings - Enhancements	633,119	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	400,000	2,633,119
Commercial Landlord Responsibilities	409,141	270,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	879,141
Enterprise Zone Schemes - Funded from Growing Places Fund and Local Infrastructure Fund							
St Peters Way Improvements	1,600,000	1,400,000					3,000,000
Site 11 Remediation, Construction and St James Mill Way Electricity Substation	5,563,039						5,563,039
Loans							
NTFC	7,500,000	1,500,000					9,000,000
Cosworth	1,400,000						1,400,000
University of Northampton		46,000,000					46,000,000
Northampton Leisure Trust		300,000					300,000
Other							
Athletics Track	800,000	900,000					1,700,000
Purchase of Albion House	500,000						500,000
Planning IT Improvements	41,000	24,500	17,000	17,000			99,500
Lids on Recycling Boxes		40,000					40,000
Other IT Investment	223,543						223,543
Section 106 Funded Schemes	5,057,163	33,512					5,090,675
Total General Fund Capital Programme	39,734,903	61,426,794	3,587,031	2,992,000	2,925,000	2,925,000	113,590,728

Proposed General Fund Capital Funding	2014-15 £	2015-16 £	2016-17 £	2017-18 £	2018-19 £	2019-20 £	Total £
Grants & Contributions:							
Disabled Facilities Grant - External Funding	497,412	594,000	594,000	594,000	594,000	594,000	3,467,412
Heritage Lottery Funding - Delapre Abbey	584,907	2,210,147	339,168				3,134,222
HPDG	106,000	24,500	17,000	17,000			164,500
CLG - St Peters Waterside	100,000	1,000,000					1,100,000
CLG - Cosworth Loan	1,400,000						1,400,000
Section 106	5,057,163	33,512					5,090,675
Other Grants and Contributions	2,209,651	1,070,000	70,000				3,349,651
Sub-total Grants & Contributions	9,955,133	4,932,159	1,020,168	611,000	594,000	594,000	17,706,460
NBC Earmarked Reserves - Delapre Abbey	146,312	630,808					777,120
New Homes Bonus	3,000,000						3,000,000
Other Revenue/Reserves	929,671						929,671
Capital Receipts - Heritage	900,000						900,000
Capital Receipts - Other	1,737,227	4,720,919	280,413	50,000			6,788,559
Growing Places Fund and Local Infrastructure Fund (to be repaid from EZ business rate uplift)	6,441,795	1,400,000	0	0	0	0	7,841,795
Self-funded Borrowing (incl Loans)	7,732,575	48,005,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	56,337,575
Corporate Borrowing Taken Out/(Repaid)	8,892,190	1,737,908	2,136,450	2,181,000	2,181,000	2,181,000	19,309,548
Total Funding	39,734,903	61,426,794	3,587,031	2,992,000	2,925,000	2,925,000	113,590,728

General Fund Budget Summary 2015 - 2020



Description	Appendix	Budget 2015/16	Budget 2016/17	Budget 2017/18	Budget 2018/19	Budget 2019/20
		£	£	£	£	£
Service Base Budget		32,340,099	33,501,522	34,423,107	35,394,944	36,540,539
<i>Medium Term Planning Options</i>						
Savings and Efficiencies	2					
- Borough Secretary		(113,170)	(103,170)	(103,170)	(103,170)	(103,170)
- Customers and Communities		(1,521,180)	(1,581,180)	(1,581,180)	(1,581,180)	(1,581,180)
- Regeneration Enterprise and Planning		(523,723)	(533,251)	(447,263)	(452,756)	(458,411)
- Housing		(360,960)	(360,960)	(360,960)	(360,960)	(360,960)
Total Savings		(2,519,033)	(2,578,561)	(2,492,573)	(2,498,066)	(2,503,721)
Growth	3					
- Customers and Communities		272,000	272,000	272,000	272,000	272,000
- Regeneration Enterprise and Planning		430,000	430,000	430,000	430,000	300,000
- Corporate		14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800
Total Growth		716,800	716,800	716,800	716,800	586,800
Total MTP Options		(1,802,233)	(1,861,761)	(1,775,773)	(1,781,266)	(1,916,921)
Gross Revenue Budget		30,537,866	31,639,761	32,647,334	33,613,678	34,623,618
Corporate Budgets						
Debt Financing		1,780,000	1,818,000	1,979,000	2,017,000	2,153,000
Recharges from General Fund to HRA		(6,217,621)	(6,217,621)	(6,217,621)	(6,217,621)	(6,217,621)
Parish Grants		(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)	(20,611)
Parish Precepts		1,021,798	1,021,798	1,021,798	1,021,798	1,021,798
Contribution to General Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0
Contribution to/(from) Earmarked Reserves		2,047,756	1,833,546	2,145,745	2,840,289	3,371,413
Total Corporate Budgets		(1,388,678)	(1,564,888)	(1,091,689)	(359,145)	307,979
Net Budget		29,149,188	30,074,873	31,555,645	33,254,533	34,931,597
Funding						
Revenue Support Grant		(4,963,860)	(3,531,179)	(2,412,794)	(1,390,937)	(455,651)
NNDR		(6,200,581)	(7,577,297)	(7,724,843)	(7,875,340)	(8,028,847)
Total Formula Grant		(11,164,441)	(11,108,476)	(10,137,637)	(9,266,277)	(8,484,497)
Council Tax						
Band D Council Tax		207.91	207.91	207.91	207.91	207.91
Tax Base		61,927	62,546	63,172	63,803	64,441
NBC Council Tax		(12,875,243)	(13,003,995)	(13,134,035)	(13,265,375)	(13,398,029)
Parish-related Council Tax		(1,021,798)	(1,021,798)	(1,021,798)	(1,021,798)	(1,021,798)
Total Council Tax		(13,897,041)	(14,025,793)	(14,155,833)	(14,287,173)	(14,419,827)
Council Tax Freeze Grant 15/16		(151,872)	0	0	0	0
New Homes Bonus		(3,835,835)	(4,744,664)	(4,596,900)	(4,835,163)	(4,943,899)
Surplus on Collection Fund		(100,000)	0	0	0	0
Total Funding		(29,149,189)	(29,878,933)	(28,890,370)	(28,388,613)	(27,848,223)
Savings to be identified		(0)	195,940	2,665,276	4,865,920	7,083,373



General Fund MTP Growth Options

MTP Reference	MTP Option Description	2015/2016 £	2016/2017 £	2017/2018 £	2018/2019 £	2019/2020 £
Customers & Communities						
B115	Victoria Street Coach Park Toilet	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
Alternative	Contribution to Voluntary Sector Initiative	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
		272,000	272,000	272,000	272,000	272,000
Regeneration, Enterprise & Planning						
B126	EZ Budget Increase	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	0
B132	Northampton Alive	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
B142	Business Incentive Scheme	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000
		430,000	430,000	430,000	430,000	300,000
Cross Organisation						
B144	Living Wage	14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800
		14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800	14,800
Total Growth		716,800	716,800	716,800	716,800	586,800



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Self-funding							
IT Infrastructure	173,927	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	923,927
Skate Park Café Extension	35,000	55,000					90,000
Town Centre Improvements							
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Superfast Broadband	250,000	250,000					500,000
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Town Centre Wifi	62,646						62,646
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St Johns MSCP Storage Facility	30,000	100,000					130,000
Heritage & Culture							
Delapre Abbey Restoration, incl minor projects	1,492,502	3,877,450	595,031				5,964,983
Delapre Abbey Tea Rooms	50,000	150,000					200,000
Heritage Gateway	100,000	250,000					350,000
War of the Roses National Centre (Delapre Abbey)		1,000,000					1,000,000
Strategic Property Purchase from NCC (subject to Business Case)	2,175,000						2,175,000
Block Programmes - specific schemes to be agreed							
Town Centre Realm improvements	1,135,000	750,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	3,885,000
Capital Improvements - Regeneration Areas	250,000	250,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	900,000
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University of Northampton		46,000,000					46,000,000
Northampton Leisure Trust		300,000					300,000
Other							
Athletics Track	800,000	900,000					1,700,000
Purchase of Albion House	500,000						500,000
Planning IT Improvements	41,000	24,500	17,000	17,000			99,500
Other IT Investment	223,543						223,543
Section 106 Funded Schemes	5,057,163	33,512					5,090,675
Total General Fund Capital Programme	39,734,903	61,986,794	3,587,031	2,992,000	2,925,000	2,925,000	114,150,728

Proposed General Fund Capital Funding	2014-15 £	2015-16 £	2016-17 £	2017-18 £	2018-19 £	2019-20 £	Total £
Grants & Contributions:							
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Heritage Lottery Funding - Delapre Abbey	584,907	2,210,147	339,168				3,134,222
Sekhemka Funding towards War of the Roses National Centre		1,000,000					1,000,000
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CLG - St Peters Waterside	100,000	1,000,000					1,100,000
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Other Grants and Contributions	2,209,651	1,070,000	70,000				3,349,651
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